

I assure you, Sir, that these two cases serve
but as an illustration of the mortification that the Treasurer
and myself have to experience almost every day. When
Mess^r Tigar and Maxwell, the Coiner and the Master
and Refiner, arrived here from Philadelphia, they were
introduced to me, by letter by D^r Patterson the Director, as
officers to whom I might refer for information on all
occasions and in whom I might place the greatest
confidence. This induced me, up to a very recent time,
to suppose that the delays in coining were unavoidable.
I am now convinced of the contrary and perceive
that I have been deceived and that my confidence
was misplaced. I have called on Mr Bradlow and
communicated to him frankly the state of affairs in this
Branch Mint and that I had applied for the removal
of these officers. He heartily approved of what I have
done and is as well as myself anxious that unless a
decided change takes place, public
sentiment will soon be arrayed
against this Branch Mint and
I fear more fatal to this
institution.

Very respectfully, Your Humble
Servant.
David Bradford
Supt.

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
2 May 1839. ^{Received 3}
Hon. Levi Woodbury, Secy of the Treasury of the U. S.

Sir, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the following correspondence that has just passed between Messrs. Ganahl & Co. Merchants in this City, Mr. Bradlow the Collector, and the Treasurer of this Branch Mint.
(Copy)

Edmund Forstall Esq.
Treasurer Branch Mint
New Orleans 14 May 1839

Dear Sir

We had this morning presented to us your Certificate in our favor dated 24 January last No 31 for Gold Bullion to the amount of \$ 6,513.53
4 " Silver " " " " 47.26

May we ask, why these Certificates, which you promised to cash in a few weeks, from the time of the deposit was made have been refused ever since, tho' repeated applications have been made for the funds.

Very respectfully
Fr. Ganahl &c.

U. S. B. Mint Treasurers Office
New Orleans 16th May 1839.

Messrs. Ganahl &c.

Gentlemen, I have received yours of the 14th inst. and very much regret that the Comr has not put it in my power to redeem the promise that I was induced by his representations to make of early payment.

Respectfully
(signed) Edmund Forstall
Tr. B. M. int.

Edmund Fortall Esq.

Collectors office

New Orleans May 17th 1839.

Sir, Some six months or eight months since I deposited in the Commercial Bank several certificates of deposit of bullion and was this morning much surprised to be called on as endorser for the amount with a notice that the Bank had called several times and could not get the amount. I informed the President of the Bank that I could not pay the amount when the Certificate was [not] protested. This he said he would have done instantly, but at my request has agreed to postpone entering a protest until tomorrow. I wish, Sir, for the Credit of the Government you will not let these Certificates be protested, but will immediately provide coin and take them up.

Respectfully &c

(sig'd) Jas W Breddlow, Gold.

U. S. B. Mint New Orleans
Treasurers office May 17th 1839.

Jas Breddlow Esq?

Sir

In reply to your favor of the days date, I have only to express my deep regret that the Coin has not furnished me with the means of paying our Certificates. Complaints on this subject are increasing every day and Mr Bradford informs me that he will immediately write to the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject.

Respectfully

(sig'd)

Ed. Fortall
W. B. Mint.